

## Report Indicates Village Finances In Good Shape

Minutes of Council Meeting of the Village of Irma, held in Village Office on November 10, 1949 at 8 p.m.

Councillors present: Messrs. W. Symington, W. N. Frickelton and C. P. Jones.

Frickelton—that minutes of previous meeting be adopted as written.

Unfinished Business—Mayor reported progress on necessary alterations to rink pump house and installation of colored lights on Main Street.

Jones—that we purchase one roll of wire for skating rink.

Correspondence—Dept. of Economic Affairs re: Doctor, tabled. Resignation of Miss W. Reeves as rest room caretaker. Accepted.

Applications for rest room caretaker considered.

Frickelton—that we accept the application of Mrs. L. Worthington of Fabyan for the position of caretaker for the rest room.

Secretary reported Supplementary Voters List complete and posted as per Sec. 110 T and V Act.

Jones—that Secretary place suitable fire insurance on rink pump house to replace coverage expiring November 22, 1949.

Jones—in the matter of licenses unpaid. That secretary notify by registered mail, where licenses are past due, for payment of licenses immediately.

Financial Statement—Credit balance Bank of Montreal \$605.25. Cash on hand \$51.60. Agric. Trust \$422.01. Com. Trust \$139.02.

Frickelton—that statement be accepted and following accounts paid.

A. C. Charter	\$80.25
C. Savard	6.00
Stuart Fenton	24.50
Alta. Telephone	5.58
Imperial Lumber	15.35
Bert Kennedy	13.80
Carl Anquist	15.84
Iverson Electric	9.55
P. E. Jones	87.39
E. Sharkey	27.00
R. Mikkelson	27.00

Jones—Adjourn.

Fire equipment examined.

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VIKING DRUG STORE  
Friday, All day, Dec. 16

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## Hospital Board to Enquire Regarding Existing Contracts

Minutes of Board Meeting of the Irma Municipal Hospital District No 55 held in the Village Office, Irma, Alta., on November 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Board members present: F. M. Hill, (Chair), A. C. Archibald, W. N. Frickelton.

Archibald—that minutes of previous meeting be adopted as written.

Correspondence—Mannville M.H.D. No. 1—re: Definition of Clause X (1) (a) re: "including new born babies" appearing after the word "Admitted" on the first line of the amendment to the Irma Agreement dated July 1, 1949. To be interpreted thus:—"including new born babies" to mean babies admitted after period of free hospitalization of twelve days.

Archibald—that secretary contact various Hospitals concerned, regarding the matter of extension of existing contracts, for hospitalization of ratepayers for 1950.

Frickelton—that in the matter of account of Wainwright hospital re: Lloyd James Mellott, that this account be referred back to the Wainwright Board for further consideration of view of section 1 (h) (i) chap. 185 1942-5 Municipal Hospital Act re: Hospital Benefits.

Financial Statement—Credit Balance Treasury Branch, Wainwright, Nov. 23, 1949 \$2475.88.

Frickelton—that statement be accepted and following accounts be passed for payment.

A. C. Charter	\$80
St. Anne's Hospital	115.00
Viking MHD No. 10	7.25
Mannville MHD No. 1	113.10
Wainwright MHD No. 17	745.75
Less L.J. Mellott	33.25
Balance F. Frickelton	688.75

F. M. Hill 20.00  
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W. N. Frickelton 20.00  
A. C. Archibald 20.00  
Ralph Keifer 55.00  
Uni. Hospital, Edm. 122.50

Frickelton—Adjourn.

## Dog Gone

### "FRIENDLY DOG" FINALLY FINDS A HOME

Everyone remembers "The Friendly Dog." He first turned up in Irma about 18 months ago—a fine looking black and white collie with all the most charming qualities that go to make a gentleman—and a tramp.

"The Friendly Dog" had personality which he felt could only be best expended by his continual reappearance at practically every home in town. He greeted all and sundry in a manner which plainly said, "you are the most wonderful person in the world."

Quite a number would have been willing to give him a home but this fixed idea of his that he should belong to everybody resulted in his belonging to no one.

The moral of this story should be that he starved to death or something, but it isn't. Despite warnings to the public about harboring of stray dogs, the city fathers turned a blind eye in the direction of "Friendly Dog." We even suspect them of giving him a hand out after dark, even as we ourselves.

A few weeks ago "Friendly Dog" disappeared. We naturally supposed he had departed this life and we would see him no more. Last week two or three Irishmen motored to the Hutterite colony north-west of town, and who should be the first ambassador of good will to greet them in that colony already famous for its hospitality of good cheer. You guessed it—it was "Friendly Dog!"

This canine who knows more about "How to Win Friends and Influence People" than Dale Carnegie himself, has at last found his proper sphere among the 58 kindly members of the Holt colony. May he live long and prosper.

## News Items From Kinsella District

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mark spent a few days in Edmonton last week.

Mrs. G. Stronach of Edmonton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Corbett.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and family of Edmonton are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beschell.

Mrs. P. Gardner and Sharon of Edmonton were visiting friends in Kinsella during the week-end.

### Rodino Masquerade a Success

A large crowd attended the Masquerade dance held at Rodino on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. A. Winfield won the prizes for best costumes and Mr. D. Greenwood won the quilt which was drawn for at the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Paterson and Mrs. A. Milne are spending a few days in Edmonton this week.

### Whist Drive November 30

The Students Union whist drive will be held in the high school on Wednesday November 30 at 8:30.

Mrs. M. Mills and daughter of Edmonton are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Turnbull.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett and family and Miss B. Arkinstall of Edmonton were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Corbett.

### W.I. President Elected

Mrs. G. Paterson was elected president of the Kinsella W.I. at their annual meeting on Saturday, November 26.

The Ladies Aid will meet in the church on Thursday at 3 p.m.

The Legion will meet in the school on Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m.

## Jarrow News

Henley and Mrs. McLean whose marriage took place at North Battleford, Sask. on Nov. 23, Rev. Henley had chance of the Jarrow field for about three months during the past summer and the best wishes of all go out to them.

Mrs. H. Whidden and Mrs. D. Whidden were recent visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell are the proud owners of an Austin car.

Verla Lind who is taking commercial at Camrose spent the week-end at home.

Visitors at the G. Theroux home last Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. M. Knudson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Knudson and Mr. and Mrs. A. Knudson, all of Irma.

Mrs. W. Orzechski and Joe spent a day at Camrose last week. We are glad to hear that Stan Orzechski is employed at the Johnstone Drug Store there.

We are glad to report that Mrs. W. Jamieson is home from hospital and is much improved in health.

## Glen-Coa Cleanings

Mrs. Irving, nee Phyllis Erickson, of Mount Vernon, Wash., spent last week-end here visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Moe has been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. R. Erickson who is ill in the University hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffensen and Solveig did not take their intended trip to Grande Prairie after all. A letter from Arlene stating that the roads were pretty bad changed their minds.

Sharon Luther League held its annual meeting last Sunday evening. The new president for the coming year is Miss Solveig Steffensen; Miss Lilly Nelson and Ralph Erickson gave reports of the Bardo Luther League Convention.

Miss Lilly Nelson leaves on Dec. 1 for Viking to begin her new position in the Bank of Montreal there. Her many friends here join in wishing her well on her new undertaking.

New York's Little Church Around the Corner, famed marrying-up-place, is 101 years old.

## Wedding Bells

SONEFF — HICKEY

St. Joseph's Cathedral was the setting of a pretty wedding recently when Jessie Theresa daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hickey of Edmonton, became the bride of James Sonoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sonoff of Irma.

Bouquets of roses and baby mums decorated the church which the bride entered on the arm of her father.

Rev. W. A. Reynolds performed the ceremony.

She wore a long gown of white satin, fashioned with seed pearl trim and inserts of lace. Her bouquet was of roses and white baby mums and a triple strand of pearls, gift of the groom, was her only jewelry.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Hickey, wearing a gown of gold satin and carrying a similar bouquet.

Mr. Carl Sonoff was best and ushers were Mr. Henry Kasten and Mr. Haviland Edford.

Soleist for the wedding was Miss Betty Moon.

For her daughters' wedding, Mrs. Hickey chose a burgundy lace frock with gray accessories and corsage of yellow roses. Mrs. Sonoff, mother of the groom, was in a blue suit with gray model hat and similar corsage.

After the ceremony a reception for 75 guests was held in the King Edward Hotel when toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. R. D. Moon.

Mr. Craig Moon assisted in looking after the guests.

Leaving for a honeymoon to Calgary the bride donned a gray gabardine suit complimented with wine and black accessories.

On their return the couple will be at home at Barrhead.

## Northern Nuggets

The dance put on last Friday night in aid of the Christmas Fund was well attended and every one reported a very enjoyable evening.

It was noted in the Edmonton Journal of November 24 that Eric T. Dallow won the Governor General's medal for the Provost and Wainwright divisions. This award is made to the students who obtain the highest standing in grade nine examinations in each inspectorate or division. Congratulations Eric.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston are driving a new Austin and Mr. Harley Bars is also the owner of a new car.

## A Visit to Devon

Viking News

Taking advantage of Alberta's balmy weather, your scribe motored to Devon on Sunday, Nov. 13 to see Alberta's newest town.

Built on a level expanse of prairie farm land, one-half mile from the Athabasca River, 23 miles south and west of Edmonton, it has an ideal location but at present, not on a railway line. The nearest railway point is Calmar, a distance of ten miles. The site was laid out under the town planning scheme and has gas, electric and sewer services. All houses and business places are new. The streets are wide and gravelled and all streets have cement walks. Fire hydrants are placed at strategic points throughout the town. There is no shack district, all buildings being similar in size and shape.

The business district is quite small, much smaller than one would expect; but the idea is not to overcrowd the business section.

Except for the business and professional men in the new town, the citizens all work in the oil fields. Wherever there is a producing well on a farm, it is surrounded by a number of large oil storage tanks. The farming country seems to be one of the best in the province and from all standpoint looks very prosperous indeed.

As to the future of Devon we can only hazard a guess—if the oil peters out it will become a "ghost" town; if not it will continue as a model town.

## Christmas Concerts In Wainwright S.D. Friday, Dec. 23rd

Minutes of the Wainwright Divisional Board meeting held at the office of the secretary on Friday, November 25, 1949.

Dixon—that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read.

Folkens—that tenders for the sale of the Bloomington Valley School Barn and grounds be tabled until the next meeting. Cd.

Lawson—that no action be taken in respect to the letter as received from Mr. Seebados regarding change in the present bus route. Cd.

Hill—that the Dormitory report for the month of November be accepted. Cd.

The secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Johnson, building contractor with respect to the present building in Wainwright.

McLeod—that Mr. H. MacDonald, architect for the Wainwright School be invited to visit the school for a thorough inspection of the building as soon as possible. Cd.

Folkens—that the disposal of Trust Accounts for the St. Jean Baptiste, Butzeville and Bull Creek School Districts be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held in Chauvin on Monday, Nov. 28, 1949 in accordance with the Superintendent's report to the Divisional Board. Cd.

Hill—that a letter be written to the Sunny Brae Local Board regarding the disposal of the Sunny Brae School building, in accordance with the promise of Mr. T. Sanders, that the school be returned to the district if such is needed. Cd.

McLeod—that the Superintendent's Report be adopted. Cd.

Lawson—that the application of the Sunny Brae School be accepted for the New Irma School beginning January 1, 1949. Said applications to be considered at the December meeting of the Board and further that the present janitors for the Irma Schools be advised respecting termination of services as of Dec. 31, 1949. Cd.

Dixon—that all Christmas concerts in this Division be held on Friday, December 23 unless permission be secured from the subdivisional Trustee to hold concert on any other date. Cd.

Zajic—that the action of the office in the purchase of a piano for the Doley School be approved. Cd.

Dixon—that accounts be paid in the amount of \$58,925.86 and that same be included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Hill—that the next meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday, December 21, 1949 beginning at the hour of 10 a.m. Cd.

Mrs. McLeod reported on the Hot Lunch Program from the Home and School Association and stated that she would again contact the committee with respect to same.

Mr. Hill reported on the ASTA Convention and ably covered the high lights of said convention.

Dixon—that Mr. Hill's report on the Convention be adopted. Cd.

Dixon—that motion No. 15 of this meeting be changed to read: Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. and that the meeting continue on Wednesday for the purpose of fully discussing the matter of Insurance as outlined by Mr. P. G. Davies, the additional time being required for a thorough review of all School Bus policies and problems. Cd.

Hill—that we adjourn. Cd.

### A MOTORISTS PRAYER

Teach us to drive through life without skidding into other people's business. Preserve our brake linings that we stop before we go too far. Help us to hear the knocks in our own motors and close our ears to the clashing of other people's gears. Keep alcohol in our radiators and out of our stomachs. Absolve us from the mania of trying to pass the other auto on a narrow road. Open our eyes to the traffic signs and keep our feet on the brakes.

## Church News

### UNITED CHURCH

Dec. 4

Strawberry Plains—11 a.m.

Albert—2 p.m.

Irma Sunday School—11 a.m.

Worship Service—7:30 p.m.

Isaiah 60:3. And nation's shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Come and worship in God's House—Rev. H. W. Inglis.

### IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

Christian and Missionary Alliance

Sunday, Dec. 4

10:45—Sunday School and Bible Class.

11:45—Worship Service.

Wednesday

8 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible Study.

We welcome you to our services. Come and bring a friend.

Pastor Geo. E. Warnock.

"These things have I written unto you that believe in the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe in the name of the Son of God. 1 Jn. 5:13.

### AVONCLIFF GOSPEL MISSION

Services For Dec. 4 to Dec. 10

Sunday

10:40 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

11:40 a.m.—Worship Service.

Tuesday

8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Service.

For yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and Safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thes. 5:2-3

You are cordially invited to every service.—Rev. R. E. Oswald

## World of Wheat

The F.A.O. (the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations) is becoming more and more concerned about the world's hunger. The F.A.O. points out that taking the world as a whole the average person before the war received food to provide 2,400 calories a day, but that today the average has fallen to 2,200 calories. Some countries devastated by the war have recovered, and are now able to provide their people with food that gives them around 3,000 calories a day. Other large areas in the world, however, have less than 2,000 calories. As the F.A.O. puts it, "The well fed are better off than they were, the poorly fed, for the most part, are worse off. The gap between has widened." Day by day, too, the population of the world is increasing faster than the increase in food production. Some people think that never again in our time will even the white people of the world be fed as well as they were before the war or prior to 1939.

All this means, to my mind at least, that the work of the farmer is becoming more and more important than ever, and that good land which will produce crops at a reasonable cost is becoming more and more valuable.

### G. F. WILLOUGHBY

Optometrist

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## A Challenge To Canada

THE RECENT VISIT TO CANADA OF Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, was an historic event and one that attracted widespread interest here. India has seen rapid and important political changes since the war, and has emerged the newest member of the Commonwealth of Nations. While Canadians have followed with interest events in his country, Mr. Nehru's visit marked the first occasion upon which Canada had the opportunity to officially welcome the head of the Indian government, and to discuss with him matters of concern to both countries.

### Changes Taking Place In India

During his visit here, Mr. Nehru told the Canadian people that they had naturally been interested in European affairs, but he endeavored to show that they should also give their attention to what is happening in Asia at the present time. "Obstructed freedom and dire poverty" have resulted in discontent and political unrest, he said, and in the interests of peace in the years to come, these conditions must be remedied. In India, Mr. Nehru said, human and material resources are being mobilized to create better living conditions for the people. East and West, the visiting Prime Minister believes, are interdependent, and he reminded Canada that "we are all partners in the co-operative effort for freedom, peace and prosperity."

### India To Buy Wheat Here

Tribute was paid by Mr. Nehru to the Commonwealth of Nations, of which Canada is a senior member, and he urged that this country play a greater part within the Commonwealth, as well in international affairs generally, to promote the cause of peace and cooperation throughout the world. Although his visit was not for the purpose of discussing trade, Mr. Nehru said in an interview that India is interested in securing wheat, machinery and capital for investment in Canada, and it was reported elsewhere that India would like to secure a total of 1,000,000 tons of wheat from this continent. Prime Minister Nehru's visit to Canada was a memorable one, and doubtless did much to foster greater interest in his country, and to establish closer relations between two of the largest countries within the Commonwealth. His plea for continued interest and leadership on the part of Canada in that great association of nations stands as a challenge which is not likely to be overlooked. Although many changes have taken place in recent years, the Commonwealth retains a powerful voice in international affairs and one which may be effectively used in the future, as it has in the past in the interests of freedom and human welfare.

### Alberta Is Short Of Forest Rangers

EDMONTON.—There is a shortage of forest rangers in Alberta, government officials said. Due to high rate of post-war employment in Edmonton, several vacancies have cropped up in the provincial service. Some rangers and assistant rangers, men experienced in woods operations and familiar with the fish and game regulations, are needed for the Fort Fitzgerald and Grande Prairie districts.

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### Cheaper By The Dozen



These cute Collie pups caused quite a stir in the Vancouver canine world. They are owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall. Eight pups in an average litter; 17 is the present high record, according to Vancouver veterinary officials.—Canadian Press.

## Farmers Buy \$204,000,000 Worth Of Farm Equipment, 1948

OTTAWA.—Canadian farmers dug down into their jeans and bought \$204,000,000 worth of farm equipment last year, \$57,411,000 more than they bought the year before. In addition, they spent about \$35,000,000 on repair parts in one of the busiest years the farm equipment industry has experienced, the bureau of statistics reported.

The bureau estimated its retail figures on the assumption there was an average mark-up of 20 per cent. on wholesale sales of \$170,666,070, 39 per cent. higher than in 1947. That figure did not include spare parts, trucks, binder twine or used equipment.

### Prairies Buy 62 Per Cent.

The prairie provinces bought 62.5 per cent. of the total sales, with 23 per cent. going to Ontario, nine per cent. to Quebec and three per cent. each for the Maritime provinces and British Columbia.

Sales were higher in all provinces; 50 per cent. higher in Manitoba, 42 per cent. in Alberta, between 37 and 39 per cent. in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, 31 per cent. in Quebec and up 27 per cent. in the Maritimes.

Most of the sales—37 per cent.—were made up of tractors and en-

gines with a wholesale value of \$63,065,437. Harvesting machinery comprised 21 per cent. of the total and plows made up seven per cent. Sales of farm wagons and sleighs were five per cent. lower than in 1947, dairy machinery and equipment sales were down 14 per cent. and poultry equipment was down 34 per cent.

### ALBERTA TRADE

Wholesale trade in Alberta during the first seven months of 1949 was valued at \$216,199,552, compared to \$180,150,107 for the same period in 1948.

## Forecast Big Boost In Oil Well Earnings

EDMONTON, Alta.—Completion of the crude oil pipeline from Edmonton to Superior, Wisconsin, will boost well earnings of Alberta producers by more than \$3,000,000 a month.

This is stated in Edmonton by Lorne F. Kahle, head of the Inter-provincial Pipeline company. He said in an address that the pipeline would make it possible for producers to immediately increase production from the present level of 60,000 barrels to 100,000 barrels per day.

He felt most of the \$3,000,000 monthly added revenue for producers would find its way back into the economy of the oil region.

### WANTED IN U.S.

Alberta-grown seed potatoes are in heavy demand by United States potato firms, department of agriculture officials state.

To Feel Right — Eat Right

## EIGHT MILLION IN INDIA FACE FAMINE

MADRAS, India. — With 300,000 tons of rice lost in typhoon-ravaged, eastern coastal districts, nearly 8,000,000 persons face starvation, officials estimated.

More than 1,000 lives were lost in October during a cyclone, followed by a 10-foot tidal wave which washed away the paddy crop.

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## FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"What kind of a saddle do you want?" the cowboy asked the Dude. "With or without horn?"

The Dude pondered a moment before answering: "Without one, I guess. Doesn't seem to be much traffic on these prairies."

"It seems to me that you want a pretty high price for this parrot."

"But he was brought up in one of the most fashionable families."

"How do you know?"

"He always talks when anyone begins to sing."

Prison Governor (addressing convicts): "I've let you have radios, given you concerts, let you play football and smoke, and still you grumble. What is it you want?"

Old Lag: "How about a cross-country run?"

"What is the secret of success in life?"

"I don't really know but I fear it is connected with work!"

A wealthy Edinburgh woman sent five pounds to Sandy McPherson and asked him to send his twin sons to the city for a vacation. A few days later one boy arrived with a note which read: "Here is young Donald, one of the twins. The other is just like him."

The speaker was getting tired of being interrupted.

"We seem to have a great many fools here tonight," he said. "Wouldn't it be advisable to hear one at a time?"

"Yes," said a voice. "Get on with your speech."

"Well," said Snaggs, "I think many dogs have more sense than their masters."

"Yes," chimed in Craggs, "I have a dog like that myself."

And he couldn't understand why they laughed!

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### THE TILLERS

DOESN'T WHY DID I TAKE UP FARMING? A FARMER NEVER GETS ANY BREAKS!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? FOR THREE STRAIGHT WEEKS IT DIDN'T RAIN! THAT'S THE KIND OF WEATHER BURNS UP CROPS!

BUT, P.M., IT HAS RAINED A LOT EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK!

THAT'S WHAT BURNS UP!

IT BEING AT NIGHT WHILE I'M SLEEPING—WHY COULDN'T IT RAIN IN DAYTIME SO I COULD TAKE IT EASY!

—By Les Carroll



## Sausage Casings Save Lives By Doing Work Of Kidneys

HALIFAX—Sausage casing has been the means of saving a number of lives by doing the work of non-functioning kidneys. Dr. D. W. Gordon Murray, senior demonstrator in surgery and clinical surgery at the University of Toronto, described the process at the Dalhousie University refresher course for doctors. More than 160 physicians and surgeons are taking the course.

The patient's blood is circulated through the sausage casing, which is sufficiently porous to allow impurities to filter out while retaining other ingredients.

Dr. Murray said it was the first such process in North America. It had been used successfully in a number of cases where other measures did not work.

The process had opened up a new

## Sask. Farmers In Unusual Position

A large share of the responsibility of agriculture in Canada for providing foods and fibres at fair and reasonable prices falls on Saskatchewan farmers, says R. A. In the 1946, the improved area amounted to 35.6 million acres, or nearly two-fifths of the improved land in Canada.

The occupied farm area of Saskatchewan is 59.4 million acres. That equals about one-half of the occupied farm land in the Prairie Provinces or about one-third in the Dominion.

Of this, in 1946, the improved area amounted to 35.6 million acres, or nearly two-fifths of the improved land in Canada.

Saskatchewan has a total of 110,000 farms, averaging 475 acres each with 330 acres of it in cropland. Numerically, the half section, or 320-acre farm is the most common size encountered.

Climate is the main factor controlling the character of farming in Saskatchewan. Cereals, crops, mainly wheat, forage and specialized crops are first choice with most producers across the major part of the province. Difficulties in maintaining feed supplies limit livestock production.

Mr. Sturt warns that agricultural development in Saskatchewan has reached a stage in which greater emphasis must be placed on conserving and guarding the use of land resources for the future.

He makes a three-way classification of land use in Saskatchewan: land that has been under-worked; land that has been over-worked; and land that has been worked inefficiently.

There are from one and a half to two million acres of land, mainly in the northeastern part of the province, that could be developed agriculturally. It is under-worked land. It is estimated that there are a further six million acres of grazing land that is under-worked.

Much of the under-use of land resources in Saskatchewan results from the under-use of water resources for agricultural purposes in Saskatchewan. But this situation is being corrected through development by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration of storage water supplies for better utilization of grazing lands and to satisfy farm needs.

In spite of these great areas of under-worked land, very large parts of Saskatchewan have been over-worked. Too intensive cropping, breaking land that should have been left to grazing or forestry, overgrazing pastures, these have not only wasted the land itself, but have also wasted capital, labour and human resources.

Inefficient use of land resources is closely linked with the use of labour and capital. Although a labour shortage developed during the war, there has been evident over the years, a shortage of capital and a surplus of labour. This has tended to mean a relatively lower net output per man in terms of net production as compared with industry.

## Ex-Winnipeg Pilot Still Flying After Twelve Busy Years

WINNIPEG—One and a half million air miles represents a lot of flying time, but an ex-Winnipeg flyer has travelled that and more.

He is Trans-Canada Air Lines' Capt. Kenneth G. Main, 33, who has logged more than 1,500,000 miles since he joined the company nine years ago. Before that, he made an impressive record as a bush pilot in the north.

Captain Main now is T.C.A.'s resident captain in Bermuda, where he has been living with his wife and small daughter since June.

At present he makes one 14-hour return flight between Bermuda and Trinidad every week—a far cry from the flights he made in 1937 carrying frozen fish the 175 miles from Rainbow Lake to Flin Flon, Man., in 90 below-zero weather.

That was his first job after graduating from McGill University with an engineering degree. He worked for North West Aero Marines, later mov-

ing to General Airways to fly messengers and trappers into northern Ontario. In 1939 he joined Canadian Airways, flying from Edmonton to the

unmapped Mackenzie River territory and ferrying trappers in and out of the Yukon. He was transferred to Vancouver and flew the Vancouver to Victoria run until joining T.C.A. in 1940.

With T.C.A. he flew trans-Canada routes until May, 1946, when he moved to the company's trans-Atlantic service. He remained there until his recent transfer to Bermuda.

But even in his new semi-tropical setting Capt. Main can still recall a harrowing four-day ordeal in northern Manitoba when he and his employer crashed while attempting to land on a small lake. They lived in a hole in the snow until a rescue party found them.

Vesuvius is the only active volcano on the continent of Europe.

Barber Pole Stripes To Be Popular For Men's Suits

Did you ever see a barber pole walking? Well, you will... come next summer.

It says here (in a news release circulated among men's wear shops in town) that barber pole stripes will be popular for men's summer casual wear, and goes on to announce that "even the conservative business suit may have an iridescent glow."

All that means, fair readers, that we shall be wearing dark glasses for other reasons besides protection from the glaring summer sun next year.

We'll need 'em to shield our unaccustomed eyes from the "rainbow hues" which members of the stronger sex will be sporting down the main street in another eight months.

The hand like the ostrich and hope that this newest craze among the male population will fade out, or like the Arab, fold its tent and silently steal away. It will not be that easy. We'll have to face the hard facts.

For instance, colors will be "bold and bright" for men's spring finery in solids, stripes and combinations. And what are the colors those fabled designers of men's toggers have concocted? Nothing too flashy you may be sure—they're chosen from more conservative colors like yellow, reds, blues, greens and pinks.

Fabrics will include worsted and tropicals that take on new importance when dress in those rainbow hues, but the new Bermuda colors and gaudiness with an iridescent finish will probably get top-rating among male fashion enthusiasts this spring.

But here is the gem of the entire news release. It reveals the startling secret that men buy only to please women; men dress to impress women; men dress to be admired! In fact, women are blamed for the introduction of fancy shaving lotions, perfumed soaps, and scented hair tonics, among other things, which are all part of the male plan to woo and to wig.

Finally admitting their vanity men are going all out to make themselves grayer and more pleasing to the female eye via barber pole stripes and collarless jackets with the button 24 1/2 inches from the centre not to mention the colors of the rainbow.

Who said it was a woman's world?

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME OF THE NEW BABY

MAILMAN KNOCKED TOO OFTEN HERE

PHILADELPHIA.—Here's a modern version of the John Alden-Miles Standish story.

At a recent meeting of the Direct Mail Advertising Association, a speaker said a young friend of his decided to court his girl by letter.

He sent her a proposal every day for 65 days. On the 66th day the girl married the mailman.

The bedroom suit without wardrobe is an example of the new trend. Most of Britain's new houses are going up with built-in cupboards and closets and the demand is not for wardrobes and shelved articles but for chests of drawers.

Another influence in bedroom furniture is the big demand for bed-sitters and divan beds. With today's limited living-space these double-purpose beds are wanted by so many that the demand is higher than it has ever been.

Easily-moved furniture is also in heavy demand, such as the bed-stee which, by the removal of four bolts, can be taken apart and moved from room to room.

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## Checking "Witches' Broom" In Potatoes



In British Columbia where certified seed potato growing has already become an important industry, plant pathologists and entomologists are pooling their knowledge and resources in an effort to solve the problem concerning the incidence and spread of Witches' Broom in potatoes. Here, plant pathologist N. S. Wright, demonstrates two types of Witches' Broom plant. The one on the right is the "chick weed" type, while the other shows only one stem apparently affected with the virus.

## The Myth Of "Mummy" Wheat

(By H. J. Bunker In The Listener of London)

FROM time to time we read of claims that wheat grains and other seeds recovered from ancient tombs have been planted, and, in spite of great antiquity, have grown to produce fine, healthy plants. These stories are usually put out in good faith.

A few years ago an Englishman of unimpeachable honesty brought home from Egypt some seeds which he found that the ancient Egyptians had planted in their tombs; it was quite certain that they were several thousands of years old.

The gentleman had these seeds planted in his garden, and, to the amazement of those "in the know," they produced a very fine crop of plants, indistinguishable from modern varieties.

On further investigation, however, he found that the gentleman, a gardener, thinking it most unlikely that the poor-looking seeds his master had brought home from Egypt would produce much of a show, had planted modern seeds alongside the old, in order, as he said, not to disappoint his master!

"Mummy" grains and seeds taken from ancient Egyptian tombs, and of undoubted authenticity, have, from time to time, been planted, and, in every case, the contents proved to be sterile. Indeed, the same applied to the various mould fungi and insects which were also found in the tombs; all were dead. The last spark of life had gone out some time during those 3,000 years.

So the cold facts of science have shattered these two stories about "mummy" wheat and disease-producing microbes living on in the tombs of the Pharaohs. It might have been more exciting had the wheat grain germinated to a living plant, or the bacteriological spore to an active culture, but science recognizes only one kind of romance, that of truth. It was Thomas Huxley who said: "A tragedy is a beautiful theory killed by a fact"; and, unfortunately, such tragedies have to happen every day in the world of science.

In spite of their long sleep of 147 years in the herbarium the seeds germinated. But this is not the record. A seed of the Sacred Lotus plant of the Nile, Nelumbium speciosum, was treated with concentrated sulphuric acid and then with water, and in a matter of a few hours it germinated, and is actually growing now at Kew Gardens.

This specimen is known to have been collected 237 years ago. This is the longest period of seed viability. We do not know what determines the ultimate length of life of seeds, or why there is any limit to their viability. So far, we only know that the toughest do not normally ger-

minate after two or three hundred years.

Perhaps one of the most interesting tests which has been done on the length of life of seeds or spores was a little experiment I was able to carry out some years back, when Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered.

It occurred to some of us that here we had a case of a tomb which had definitely not been opened for over 3,000 years, so that we would have an opportunity of seeing whether bacterial spores, which are highly resistant, or, indeed, any other form of life, had managed to survive 30 centuries of dormancy.

So, when the inner chamber of the tomb, embodying the golden shrines round the royal sarcophagus, was opened, sterile swabs, which we had sent out from England, were wiped on the walls and on various objects in the chamber.

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British Jewellers To Increase Exhibits At 1950 Fair

TORONTO.—Following the very successful results of their experimental display at the 1949 Canadian International Trade Fair, the jewellers of Great Britain have announced that a much larger representative selection of the industry's products will be exhibited in 1950.

The display is being organized on a group basis by the Jewellery & Silverware Council, 160 Chesapeake, London E.C.2. It will include a number of manufacturers' individual booths and nearly 100 individual windows in a composite display.

The goods exhibited will include some of the world's finest diamond Jewellery made in the craft workshops of London, as well as examples of the less costly ornaments and gold Jewellery for which Birmingham is particularly famous. Costume Jewellery will occupy the largest amount of space as the commodity for which there is the highest consumer demand. Fine hand-made sterling silver from London, Sheffield and Birmingham, silver-plated wares, including Sheffield plate, and small wares such as smokers' requisites, dressing-table appointments, powder boxes, etc., will also be represented.

The Council has announced that its representative, Mr. R. J. Jones, who will be leaving for Canada early in January, 1950, to make all preliminary arrangements for the Council's display in the Trade Fair, and to make himself available to all trade buyers throughout Canada for information of any kind they may require concerning the products of this industry.

British Furniture Is Dual-Purpose

LONDON.—The furniture worries of Britain's home-makers may not be over, but they're nothing like they used to be.

Restrictions are gone, there's more variety of design and prices are still government controlled. But budgets are tight and few young couples today go out and buy enough furniture to fill a house despite the fact the hire-purchase system is back in full swing.

With an eye to this buyers' market, furniture dealers are pricking each piece individually. The suite of furniture may be priced as a whole but it generally has individual prices as well.

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## Chinese Youth Subsisted On Grass Diet

EDMONTON.—A young Chinese boy who knows what it is to eat grass to keep alive says he never will turn his nose up at wholesome food now that he is in Canada.

Fifteen-year-old Harold Gee arrived here recently to join his father and mother after spending most of the war in Japanese-occupied China.

When the war broke out, Harold was at school in Hong Kong, living with his grandmother. The Japanese captured the British island stronghold and Harold along with it.

They packed him into a truck to be transported into the hinterland. But Harold escaped and made his way with his grandmother to their native village near Canton, journeying more than 100 miles through the Jap lines.

Somehow the two survived the war, living at times on grass. The Japanese forced the Chinese villagers to bow to them, punishing them if they did not.

Harold finds only two troubles in Canada. One is learning English and the other is Canadian footwear. He has been used to Chinese sandals and shoes are too hot and hurt his feet.

## White-Collar Argument

(By Joseph Lister Rathledge)

There still are those who see a great gulf between the work shirt and the white collar, between the wage earner and the salary earner. In days past it was easy to create the impression that with the white collar went the major part of the material advantages of effort. Even today there are many persons who strive, with ingenuity worthy of a sounder cause, to keep that fiction alive.

Anaconda American Brass Ltd. of New Toronto, in a paid advertisement, has taken this argument into the open and, using its own employment and payroll figures, has exposed its fallacy. In 1948, the hourly-rated workers of the company—the production and maintenance men—benchmen, machinists, rollers, casters, washmen and janitors represented 90 per cent of the company's total payroll while its foremen, clerks, office and executive personnel who are not in factory pay represented the remaining 10 per cent. Now the total of all salaries, from top management down, represented 10 per cent of the total payroll.

The hourly-rated workers received 90 per cent of the total payroll. So the 80 per cent of workers received 75 per cent of the total payroll. The 20 per cent of salaried workers, including the top management, received 10 per cent of the total payroll. This doesn't seem to be giving the white collar worker any exceptional break.

But perhaps that's just a specific case. Let's have a look at that argument too. Let's consider the whole working force in industry. We choose the year 1943 only because that is the last year for which we have a breakdown for between wages and salaries in Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures. Hourly-rated employees represented 82 per cent of all those employed in industry from coast to coast. The remaining 18 per cent represented the white-collar worker from the humblest clerk to the top-brass of management. In that year the hourly-rated workers received in wages \$1,598,434,975 out of a total payroll of \$1,987,292,384. Figure it any way you like and this still means that 82 per cent of the workers received 80 per cent of all money paid out in both salaries and wages, and the white-collar worker, including again the top-brass of management, was satisfied with a mere 20 per cent. It makes us wonder how anyone can go around waving that bedraggled argument that the salaried workers, little and big, are getting all the advantages. Workers and management are a lot closer than the agitators would have us believe. Top management must serve a long apprenticeship in minor positions before reaching the top job. The hourly worker steps from apprenticeship into full pay.

Discover Man Without Fingerprints

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—William F. Williams, 40, held on a charge of passing a worthless cheque pushed police to the limit of their patience. Lieut. James J. Collins Jr., the department's fingerprint expert, said he is "one in 10,000,000."

Collins said he was unable to record a print even after applying a chemical solution designed to remove possible surface covering.

He said there may be some type of skin growth on Williams' fingers that hides the lines.

Williams, a dishwasher, offered a possible explanation. He said the condition might have been caused by years of holding his hands in hot water while performing his duties.

The average depth of the ocean below sea level is 12,450 feet.

—Henderson, in the Providence Journal.



## Bank of Montreal Issues Condensed Financial Statement

With resources topping two billion dollars for the first year-end in its history, the Bank of Montreal issued its annual report, telling how this great sum was kept hard at work in 1949 through commercial loans and investments at record levels. Plain-talk and thumbnail sketches lighten the statement again this year, as they have done in every annual summing-up of the B of M since 1945, when it pioneered a human approach in the presentation of bank reports.

Headed "A Special Message to Customers of the B of M," the 132nd yearly statement justifies its title — "This Year You've Written a Two-Billion-Dollar Story"—by showing how its resources are helping Canadians in every walk of life to make a better future for themselves and for Canada. It demonstrates this by explaining in everyday language the meaning of the balance-sheet figures.

### Deposits Over Two Billion

In almost every phase of its activities, Canada's senior bank reports development corresponding to the business trends of the country during the past year. Both deposits and total resources have passed the two-billion-dollar level, breaking all B of M records. There is a healthy increase in loans, too, and the bank's earnings show a modest improvement despite increased taxes.

The B of M's deposits have risen by \$142,000,000 to a new high of \$2,019,000,000. The larger part of this sum represents the savings of well over a million Canadian citizens, and the rest consists of funds that manufacturers, merchants, farmers and business men keep in the bank to meet their day-to-day obligations.

**Investments and Loans at Record**  
Holdings of government and other public securities increased from just over a billion dollars to the present figure of \$1,045,000,000. Cash and quickly realizable assets add up to \$1,602,000,000, or 78 per cent of everything the B of M owes the public. This is in keeping with the bank's traditional policy of maintaining a strong liquid position.

At the same time, the figure for commercial loans has risen to the highest year-end figure in the bank's history. Covering both business and personal borrowing, this has risen from \$456,000,000 to \$487,000,000, representing credit extended to business and industrial enterprises for production of every kind — to farmers, fishermen, lumbermen, and to citizens in every walk of life.

The B of M's resources climbed to a new peak of \$2,139,000,000, providing an excess of assets over public liabilities of some \$85,000,000, a figure that emphasizes the bank's strong financial position.

**Earnings Well Maintained**  
In 1949, the Bank's earnings totalled \$9,221,000, after payment of staff salaries, bonuses and pension fund contributions, as well as provision for contingencies and the depreciation of premises. However, taxes amounted to \$3,405,000, or \$425,000 more than they did last year.

After taxes, the B of M's net earnings, at \$5,816,000, compared with \$5,459,000 in 1948. Out of this, shareholders received the sum of \$3,600,000—a return equal to 4.23 per cent of the shareholders' funds.

### A WORRY TO END ALL WORRIES

Maybe we will escape war and the atomic bomb after all. A scientist warns of the danger of the earth making a flip-flop by reason of the weight of ice that is steadily accumulating on the continent at the south pole. He says that something of that kind has evidently happened to the earth millions of years ago and accounts for "the deviation of the equator of the earth from the plane of the ecliptic of the sun." If the weight of the ice on the south pole from accumulating ice that never melts should cause a shift in the position of the earth, vast tidal waves would rise in the ocean and sweeping the entire globe would wipe out all vestige of life on the land and probably cause vast upheavals in the shape of earthquakes and volcanoes. It appears to be a race between this kind of thing and the atomic bomb. Not a very pleasant prospect. — Ex.

## Why Were School Grants Reduced In 1949?

In the speech from the Throne read at the 1949 session of the Alberta Legislative Assembly the Provincial Government stated definitely that there would be increased grants to schools. The budget when presented showed the appropriation for Education to be raised \$1,300,000 and a special appropriation for education of \$1,700,000 to cover some mysterious thing called a backlog of grants. In all there was an increase of \$3,000,000 over the 1948 appropriation. From this, one would naturally assume that our school divisions would be blessed with an increase in grant or at least that none of them would receive less than they received in 1948.

Actual happenings do not bear out the above assumption. Early in the year, just about the time when school boards are considering budgets, a letter was sent out to all school boards from a high official in the Department of Education. In this letter the school

boards were warned not to expect too much in the way of increases. Here is an actual quotation from the letter:—"It is anticipated that any increases in rates of grant payments this year will have to be kept at quite modest figures. Consequently, in preparing budgets for 1949 school boards should be conservative with respect to school grant estimates."

This was the warning before the blow. When the grants were later issued, believe it or not, the equalization grants were actually reduced to the extent of 10 per cent. Due to this reduction many divisions, including our own, received less money in grants than they did in 1948. Startling isn't it?

Over the past few years this province has been blessed with revenues enormously enhanced by, among other things, royalties from oil leases. Among the lands leased are many of the sections which were set apart as school sections. The mineral rights of these lands is vested in the state and thus one could rightly state that some of the royalties received should be ear-marked for Educa-

tion. The education of our children is the most important industry in our Democracy.

In Ontario the Provincial Government bears 50 per cent of the cost of Education. The time is now opportune to urge our Provincial Government to increase School Grants in our Province to the point where they constitute 50 per cent of the operational and capital expenditures of our schools.

The provincial government is in caucus this week and school grants should have more consideration than ever in the 1950 budget.

The aces among Scotland's salmon poaching fraternity have been known to tickle salmon to death. They catch one laying close to shore, tickle it back of the gills and start a nervous condition which makes the salmon rigid. They then scoop it out of the water.

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Canada's southernmost point is Lake Erie's Middle Island.



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**Reporting**

**THE FACTS BEHIND THE FIGURES**  
for 1949

### WHAT THE B of M HAS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS:

<b>CASH:</b> The B of M has cash in its vaults and money on deposit with the Bank of Canada amounting to	\$ 229,296,309.15
<b>MONEY</b> in the form of notes, cheques on, and deposits with other banks	156,733,757.58
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b> The B of M has over a billion dollars invested in high-grade government bonds and other public securities, which have a ready market. Listed on the Bank's books at a figure not greater than their market value, they amount to	1,044,968,842.21
The B of M has other bonds, debentures and stocks, a substantial part of which represents assistance to industry for plant development in the post-war period. These investments are carried at	122,917,348.16
<b>CALL LOANS:</b> The B of M has call loans which are fully protected by quickly salable securities. These loans amount to	48,174,652.91
<b>QUICKLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES:</b> The resources listed above, which can quickly be turned into cash, cover 78% of all that the Bank owes to the public. These "quick assets" amount to	\$1,602,090,910.01

**LOANS:** During the year, many millions of dollars have been lent to business and industrial enterprises for production of every kind—to farmers, fishermen, lumbermen and ranchers—to citizens in all walks of life, and to Provincial and Municipal Governments and School Districts. These loans, now at the highest year-end figure in the Bank's history, stand at

**BANK BUILDINGS:** In hamlets, villages, towns and large cities from coast to coast, the B of M serves its customers at 541 offices. The value of the buildings owned by the Bank, together with furniture and equipment, is shown on its books at

**OTHER ASSETS:** These chiefly represent liabilities of customers for commitments made by the Bank on their behalf, covering foreign and domestic trade transactions

**TOTAL RESOURCES WHICH THE B of M HAS TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS**

### WHAT THE B of M OWES TO OTHERS:

<b>DEPOSITS:</b> While many business firms, manufacturers, merchants, farmers and people in every type of business have substantial deposits with the B of M, the larger part of the money on deposit with the Bank is the savings of well over a million private citizens. The total of all deposits is	\$2,019,142,697.65
<b>BANK NOTES:</b> B of M bills in circulation, which are payable on presentation, amount to	3,624,916.00
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES:</b> Miscellaneous items, representing mainly commitments undertaken by the Bank on behalf of customers in their foreign and domestic trade transactions	31,767,839.18
<b>TOTAL OF WHAT THE B of M OWES ITS DEPOSITORS AND OTHERS</b>	\$2,054,532,452.83
<b>TO PAY ALL IT OWES, THE B of M HAS TOTAL RESOURCES, AS SHOWN ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THIS STATEMENT, AMOUNTING TO</b>	2,139,688,263.44
<b>WHICH MEANS THAT THE B of M HAS RESOURCES, OVER AND ABOVE WHAT IT OWES, AMOUNTING TO</b>	\$ 85,155,810.61

This figure of \$85,155,810.61 is made up of money subscribed by the shareholders and, to some extent, of profits which have from time to time been ploughed back into the business to broaden the Bank's services and to give added protection for the depositors.

<b>EARNINGS</b> —After paying all overhead expenses, including staff salaries, bonuses and contributions to the Pension Fund, and after making provision for contingencies, and for depreciation of Bank premises, furniture and equipment, the B of M reports earnings for the twelve months ended October 31st, 1949, of	\$ 9,221,569.97
Provision for Dominion Income Tax and Provincial Taxes	3,405,000.00
Leaving Net Earnings of	\$ 5,816,569.97
This amount was distributed as follows:	
Dividends to Shareholders	\$ 3,600,000.00
Balance to Profit and Loss Account	2,216,569.97

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#### GRUMBLERS AMONG DISPLACED PERSONS

The bringing of thousands of displaced persons from Europe is already causing considerable trouble in parts of the country where they are located. Such people must have somebody sponsor them with promise of employment and chance to make a living before they are admitted. But this is said to not be working out very well as there are many persons among the newcomers who object to the work assigned to them on farms and other kinds of employment where they are expected to make good. Many are refusing to do farm work, and leave to seek jobs where they can find them. Some of the newcomers declare that they will not milk cows, as they say that where they came from that is a "woman's work." Then others insist on two hours at noon to eat dinner and rest, which they claim is an old country custom where they formerly lived. Others claiming they do not understand our language, ignore working altogether and just stand around to be waited on by their employers. They expected, evidently a land of milk and honey with the women folks milking the cows and the bees providing the honey. However, it is said they can all do a good job when it comes to stoking up at the dinner table—Minnesota Paper.

Canadian officials should learn a lesson from this if they are considering bringing in more thousands of D.P.'s.

Canada's islands have a coastline mileage of 34,650.

British fisher folk consider that to dream of keeping money in a shoe is a bad omen.

#### Many Resolutions Approved At Fish and Game Convention

Principal speaker at the district convention of the Fish and Game Protective Association held at Viking on Friday, November 25, was Mr. Geo. Spargo, provincial secretary of the association. Mr. S. Lefsrud, president of the Viking branch of the association welcomed the delegates after which Mr. G. T. Loney, district regional representative acted as chairman, and spoke of the importance of keeping the various branches of the association alive. Visiting and local delegates were all introduced. Towns represented at the gathering were Sedgewick, Wainwright, Hardisty, Ryley, Edgerton, St. Paul, Killam, Wostok and Viking.

After introductions the meeting got underway with the discussion of a number of resolutions on the agenda.

1. A resolution asking the government to legalize the shooting of migratory birds on Sunday was approved.
2. A resolution to legalize Sunday shooting of upland birds was defeated.
3. A resolution to have the bounty on crows and magpies raised to 10¢ per pair feet was approved.
4. A resolution asking for pre-season shooting of migratory birds where shooting permits had been issued to farmers on account of crop damage by ducks, met with defeat.
5. A resolution to ask the government to amend the Game Act so that on lands where "No Shooting" signs are placed, no one be allowed to shoot on such lands, not even the owner. Approved unanimously.
6. A resolution asking that no shooting be allowed within one mile of the shores of Beaver Hill Lake was approved.
7. A resolution that big game hunters be required to carry binoculars met with defeat. It was argued that a hunter who can't see game without binoculars should not be shooting.
8. There being some doubt whether Birch Lake had been withdrawn as a bird sanctuary, it was approved that the lake be reallocated as a bird sanctuary and that same be done at once.
9. A resolution, that the government be requested for stocking Cold Lake with fish for the next three years, was carried unanimously.
10. The meeting decided to request a permanent paid game warden be appointed for the district along Highway No. 14.
11. The delegates also approved the opening of the deer season this year, as deer seemed to be more plentiful in most districts.

Mr. G. T. Loney was re-elected unanimously as regional representative, who stated that another convention would be held next year, the place to be decided later.

Mr. Spargo spoke of the excellent work done by the various branches of the association, especially by Mr. Loney, Mr. Lars Osberg, and presidents and secretaries.

Election of officers for the Viking branch resulted as follows: Marian Pisch, president; Ernie Wade, vice-president; S. Lefsrud, secretary-treasurer.

During the evening two splendid movies were shown which were very interesting and informative. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Spargo for his assistance at the meeting and also to the retiring officers of the Viking Branch.

A social hour concluded a very successful convention.

List of delegates present:

Sedgewick: C. E. Blakeney, W. Townsend, R. Cooper, L. Herman, C. McGee, E. Leah, N. Wilson.

Wainwright: H. E. Buckle.

Hardisty: J. Crouch, A. Feny, J. Brandon.

Ryley: E. Anderson, P. Ness, O. Hagen, J. W. Letourneau, R. Mulcaster, J. Kordich, C. McGee, W. Hardy.

Edgerton: Fred Ramsay, G. C. Welch, Rev. Ken Ellaway, J. E. Strayer.

Wostok: H. Hennig and wife, J. Trun-chuk and wife Steve Kakenszchyn and Harry Pilchowsky.

St. Paul: E. O. Larue, Geo. Cyr, F. Arnfinsen.

Killam: H. F. Gaume, Jas. Chevereaux, J. Kortgaard, S. Robson.

Also about thirty members of the Viking branch.

The waiting room of the new curling rink made a very acceptable convention hall.

Two hundred men from Viking and district will join with Killam and Sedgewick on Sunday, Dec. 4 for a big coyote drive in the district about ten miles south of Viking. Those taking part will meet at 11:45 a.m. in Viking. Shot Guns only will be used. Owners of trucks, please bring some. This is a joint action of the Fish and Game Protective Associations of the three towns against the coyote menace and other predatory animals and birds.

Gordon Stalker is leaving this week to join his family now at Kelowna, B.C. Gordon wishes to thank all friends and neighbors for their support at the auction sales this past season and extends best wishes to all for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The misses Lorraine Hagen and Esther Swanson were down from Edmonton to enjoy the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Slavik spent Sunday at Camrose with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rake and family.

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## He Thought It Was A Bear!

(By Rev. H. C. Mullen in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald)

THE following anecdote is told exactly as it happened. The persons involved were near relatives of mine and I knew the spot and all the details. The name only will be fictitious. One afternoon, late in the Fall, when the rain was pelting down, so no work was being done on the farm, a young man whom we will call "John", decided he would take the opportunity to go set some mink traps.

He travelled about four miles by an old road and noted carefully that no one else had gone in before him. He also was thinking that no one else would be foolish enough to be in the woods in such a rainstorm, so took for granted that he had the woods to himself.

His way finally took him up along the side of a lake, and near the lake he saw where a bear had lately torn up an old log for ants, which all hunters will know is a common occurrence. Well, John went on past, and around the lake a ways, set a trap or two, and on his return trip around the lake. Only this time he was keeping farther from the lake along the side of the hill.

As he approached the place where he had seen the fresh bear signs he was naturally looking in that direc-

tion with his mind on bears. When, sure enough, exactly where he had seen the old log torn up there was the bear, big and black. John lay flat on the ground and rested "Old Sussey", his name for the old 45-70, a gun that I have shot many a time and as true as a hair. He had high powered shells, and as he related it, did not intend to do any missing or wound any bear. Being alone four miles in the woods he did not want any mix up with a wounded bear.

Given a dead rest, as he had at this time, and lots of time, John was one of the best shots I ever saw, and his chances of missing were almost nil. But he waited and did not press the trigger because he wanted to make a fatal shot, as he could apparently see only the bear's back. He was waiting till the bear should present a broadside so he could get him through the heart.

Lying there with the trigger almost pressed suddenly to his astonishment up stands a man, one of his near neighbors. The man picked up a bag that he had along and threw it on his shoulder and passed on and went on out the road.

John was so weak and overcome by the shock that he was unable to walk for a time, but soon went on and overtook his neighbor and told him what had happened, and then it was his turn to turn pale and get weak.

Now, to return to the circumstance. As I said, John thought he was alone in the woods in a downpour of rain. He saw the fresh works of the bear. He saw what surely looked like a bear. The neighbor wore a heavy black raincoat, and was back to, and down on his knees by the edge of the lake setting a trap.

As one can easily see, back to, and head down, and his back, with the black coat rounded up, like the back of a bear, the picture was complete.

John did not withhold fire to be more sure that it was a bear, but as stated, to be sure where he would place his high velocity 45-70 which would have about cut the man in two. Now, John was not an excitable young man. Had used a gun from boy hood and had been constantly warned and drilled by a father who knew the danger of guns.

I think the moral is clear, so I will leave the reader to draw his own conclusions; and may every gunner in the land who may read this take good warning.

### GOOD OLD DAYS

#### Houses Sell For \$500 Each, Rent At \$1.00 Weekly

The following appeared in The Toronto Globe and Mail recently taken from the Globe files of one hundred years ago:

A move is on foot in New York to ameliorate the labouring class. Several large capitalists are at the head of it. A large tract of land is to be bought some 15 miles from New York to erect a new city upon. The company is to build 5,000 brick houses at \$500 each, including the lot of 50 by 200. These houses are to be let at \$52 each to mechanics, or \$1 a week, which will pay 10 per cent. on the capital. All the houses are to be uniform. Each occupant is to have the right to purchase his house by paying \$2 a week and keeping up the interest of seven per cent. In this way he gets a title to his homestead in about six years. A negotiation is going on with the Hudson River Railroad that the occupants of these houses shall have the privilege to commute with the railroad for their passage to New York and back again, at a price not to exceed six cents a day for going and coming. The distance will not be far from 15 miles at three cents a head. In this way they can reach the city in half an hour.

## Modern Horse Owes His Teeth And Size To Diet Of Ancestors

THE modern horse owes his long teeth and much of his appearance to the food his ancestors were forced to eat during the last 35,000,000 years. This is a conclusion of a study made by Dr. E. A. Stirling, an associate professor of paleontology at the University of California.

Dr. Stirling says that 35,000,000 years ago the horse was about the size of a deer and, like the deer, had well-developed side teeth on his feet. His teeth were small and low-crowned. He had all the potential for evolving into the modern horse, except for these characteristics, he looked much like the horse as he is known today.

In North America, this granddaddy of the horse lived in the present great plains area, which at that time was not grass covered. The

ancient horse fed on softer plants instead of the harsh dry grasses on the recent plains. Then came a change in the landscape and a corresponding change in the horse's diet, Dr. Stirling says. The area developed, during a period of a few million years, into a great food plain. Along with this change came domination of the plain by coarse, dry grasses.

As the horse munched on this grass he found he had to chew the sand of the food plain along with the tougher grasses. "This was a diet well calculated to bring about profound modifications of the horse's teeth. In addition to increasing the size and height of the crown of the teeth, the horse's jaw became more massive, giving him his present head shape."—U. of C. Publication



**HOLLYWOOD TRIP**—They learn fast in Chicago. Five-year-old Patrick O'Connor plants a real Irishman's kiss on Susan Raymond, eight, who is accompanying him to Hollywood. Children won over 100,000 others in a Chicago newspaper contest. Trip is one of their prizes.—S.N.S. photo.

### Scots Trying To Dehorn Shorthorns

DUNFERMLINE, Scotland.—If three Scottish cattle breeders have their way, shorthorns will have no horns at all.

They've organized the Pooled Shorthorn Society of Great Britain. Its object: "To promote the breeding, and to maintain unimpaired, the purity of the breed of cattle known as polled (hornless) shorthorns."

Sponsors, all well known breeders of ordinary Scotch (beef type) shorthorns—the kind with horns—are Sir James Roberts, Duncan Stewart and W. B. Robertson.

### Oddities

WALSBERG, Colo.—An elderly Walsenburg, Colo., woman evidently believes in helping the unfortunate, but this time her well-intentioned aid was not needed.

Recently five red capped, heavily bearded hunters were walking to a Walsenburg cafe when the woman stopped them.

She walked up to one of them, holding her small coin purse in her hand.

"You poor men," she said, "here's fifty cents for you. I just heard one of you say you only had one buck between you."



**IT'S HARD TO KNOW HOW TO SAY THANKS,** SAYS DISEASED FARMER.—Good neighbors, indeed, are friends of Mort Corman, seen with wife. When post-hole digger took off his right foot, the "pitched in to do his work, and collected to aid him.—S.N.S. photo.



"It doesn't take long when you've lots of willing hands," says George Cartmear, who lives next door to the St. Catharines, Ont., area farmer. Here some of the 15 volunteers scour the corn fields for bun—"ed by a corn binder loaned by one of them. Neighbors filled silo, have loads left.—S.N.S. photo.

## Cobalt Rises from the Dead With Silver Strike . . . .

By CHARLES J. THORABEN  
(Central Press Canadian Correspondent)

COBALT, Ont.—The lure of silver and gold has risen and destroyed many towns, has given and taken many personal fortunes.

Many a town has sprung to roaring, tempestuous life overnight and has seen sprawling, hastily constructed buildings spread over recently barren acres in response to the wildly spreading news of a "strike".

Often the hectic ride along the glory road was short and the demise swift for those same towns as the accessible veins petered out and the get-rich-quick citizenry moved on.

Such a town is Cobalt, a little town of wooden buildings and worked-out silver diggings in the rocky hills in northern Ontario. The village had a dizzy heyday and paydays from 1903 to 1920 as a \$200,000,000 bonanza of silver was dug and blasted from the rocky earth.

Then the price of silver sank, following World War I, and most of the paying ore that could be extracted economically had long since gone

to the smelters. The population that once had reached 40,000 dwindled swiftly to 3,000 and Cobalt became a tourist landmark—as a ghost town. For nearly three decades it seemed that dimming memories of a one-time boom were all that the Canadian hamlet could look forward to as a future.

At least, that seemed to be the picture—until a few weeks ago. Then two events, in rapid succession, occurred that dusted off the memories and gave promise of a silver-studded tomorrow.

First British capital, reinforced by British direction and modern metallurgical knowledge, stepped in and revived hope by taking over the smelter of the Silanco Mining and Refining Company.

The object was to take advantage of post-war industrial developments by producing industrial and agricultural chemicals from the silver, nickel, arsenic and abundant but once worse-than-useless quantities of cobalt that had been lying idle in the mine.

This development, while promising, was unspectacular. What happened next provided fuel for the imagination and brought oldtimers flocking to compare notes. A new and rich silver vein was struck!

After drillings had shown they were on the right track, engineers of the Cobalt Lode silver mine sank a shaft 400 feet under a rock-bound hillside and found a vein of silver in calcite that ranged from 10 to 24 inches in width.

Assays indicate that the "strike" has turned up ore containing 3,000 to 4,000 ounces of silver to the ton. Extent of the vein has not been determined.

A big chunk of the calcite, containing large black flecks of the silver, was put on display in a store near the main intersection.

One oldtimer who looked it over and checked the facts of the discovery, told newsmen the "strike" was easily the most important in the area since pre-World War I days.

Before the outside world even knew of the discovery, the booted miners and townspeople already had drawn their own conclusions: Cobalt would be a silver mine no more, but while silver might still be "queen", it would have to share its throne with sister elements just as important to modern technology.

### American Was First One To Eat Tomato

According to the Edmonton Journal this autumn is the 129th anniversary of the most momentous occasion in human history—the eating of the first tomato.

This great event took place at Salem, New Jersey, in the fall of 1820, and the hero of the occasion was Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson. Standing on the courthouse steps, before a horrified crowd, he devoured a tomato he had just snatched from the ornamental plants section of the county fair.

At that time, tomatoes—commonly called "love apples"—were believed to be highly poisonous. People grew the plants as lawn ornaments, but no one dreamed of eating the fruit. So when the citizens of Salem saw Colonel Johnson munching his tomato, they expected the worst. They waited tensely for him to drop dead or go into convulsions. But nothing happened, and presently he produced another one and ate that.

His continued survival reassured the doubters, and before long he had several of the bolder spirits taking a bite. They all liked the taste—and they all lived. Before long the town was full of addicts.

From that first demonstration the fame of the tomato gradually spread over North America and eventually over the world. Today it has become a major food, one of the two or three most widely eaten "vegetables". So, as you wade into the tomato soup or the ketchup, spare a thought for the brave Colonel Johnson.

### Aberdeen Held Last True Scottish City

ABERDEEN.—Aberdeen, said Councillor J. D. Munro, is the last of the Scottish cities.

"Edinburgh," he told the town council, "is cosmopolitan, Glasgow is largely Irish, and Dundee nobody takes any notice of."

Munro opposed appointment of an Englishman as town planning officer. He pleaded unsuccessfully that a Scot should get the job.

### RECORDING WEDDINGS

EVANSTON, Ill.—Art Fey figures wedding pictures are OK as far as they go, but they don't go far enough. So he has gone into the business of recording the words and music of the rites on a tape recorder. He calls them "portraits in sound". Sometimes, of course, there are difficulties.

"Once," he says, "I had the mikes in place," the music started and the bride came down the aisle. It was a perfect ceremony until a barking dog interrupted the solist. Then an air-raid siren sounded the church and a fire siren drowned out the couple in the midst of their vows."—2553



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

## "INTERVIEW"

By W. JOHN STEVENS

Mrs. ALICE DAVIDS sat in her office, marking the exercises of her high-school English classes. There was a timid tap on her door. The knob was turned gently and a face peeped in.

"Yes, Miss Hanson?"

Ruthmary Hanson's pretty little-girl's face peeped. "Miss Davis," she paused, unhappily. Then, as if her courage had been gathered up, "May I ask you a personal question?"

Alice Davis smiled. "Why yes, Ruthmary, but I can't promise to answer."

Ruthmary sat nervously twisting her fingers. "Such a pretty child," Miss Davis thought, comparing Ruthmary's hair with her own faded grey. "Yes, Ruthmary."

The words began bubbling out. "Miss Davis, I know you'll think I'm awfully fresh, honestly I'm not, I just have to know. Why didn't you get married instead of being a teacher?"

Alice Davis had had many experiences with students' questions. Now she felt she had underestimated Ruthmary. Her cheeks colored. She looked at the girl, who stared back miserably, looking like a goldfish as she opened and closed her mouth, trying to say something that wouldn't come.

Quickly her mind ran over what she knew about Ruthmary: Not too bright, just a good passing student. Ruthmary and she were friendly, but then she honestly liked all her students, and they liked her. Boy friends? Yes, there was Jim Townley, nice boy, good brains, fond of Ruthmary, and she seemingly liked him. Ambitions? Yes, that was it! Boy friend, ambitious, that motion-picture magazine that Ruthmary tried, unsuccessfully, to read one day in class. She smiled at Ruthmary, suddenly remembering that this child was just graduating and was eighteen.

Ruthmary, on the verge of tears, smiled back. "I'm sorry, Miss Davis, I guess I shouldn't have..."

"Ruthmary," Miss Davis interrupted, "you and I have always been pretty good friends, haven't we?"

"Yes'm," she gulped.

"If I tell you, will you promise to keep it a secret?"

"Oh, yes, Miss Davis, I won't tell a soul, honest I won't. I just had to know for..."

"I don't have to be told, Ruthmary. You must have a good reason. It's a rather odd question but I don't mind answering it. Tell me, what is it?"

"I like teaching very much, Ruthmary."

"Oh, yes, Miss Davis, that's what I was telling Jim the other day, you seem so happy."

Miss Davis went on, "Yet, I know that if I had my choice, I wouldn't be here. My John and I had such plans together, such exciting plans. Miss Davis sighed. Ruthmary was

now on the edge of her seat.

"We were brought up together, went to the same schools, had the same ideas about life. We both liked people, and we wanted our home and—but all that is over now, has been over for many years. Yes, dear, I like teaching, but most people aren't made to live alone, and that is especially true of women. No matter how much you like your work, no matter how successful, you still feel the emptiness of knowing that you have no one really close to you."

Miss Davis smiled sadly. "Here's

## Why Didn't Miss Davis Get Married Instead of Being a Teacher?

a picture of us just a few months before he left me for her."

Ruthmary looked, through tears, at the handsome man who stood grinning at a much prettier Miss Davis, and then carefully put it down. She left the office without a word.

Alice Davis listened to her steps gathering speed down the hall, heard a squeal of joy, and went to the window where she saw Ruthmary and Jim rush to the corner drugstore. She permitted herself a grin. She went back to her desk, and picked up the picture.

"You know," she mused, "you're rather a good-looking fellow at that. Will you tell me how you broke my heart?"

Still grinning she put the picture down. She was about to start looking for stationery. Then she thought—The times.

"I've got to grade them first, dear brother, the letter from your broken-hearted-sister can wait." Still grinning at her lawyer-brother she resumed grading papers.

Miss Alice Davis was perfectly happy.

## Western Briefs

**Convention For Calgary**  
EDMONTON. — The 1950 convention of the Canadian Tourist Association will be held in Calgary and Banff, September 13-14, provincial tourist officials said here.

**Funds Raised**  
CARROT RIVER, Sask. — Funds for the new town hall got a boost of \$111 cleared from the well-attended amateur hour sponsored by the Melody Kings orchestra.

**New School Rooms**  
FLIN FLON, Man. — Flin Flon school board officials released plans to enlarge junior high facilities in this northern town. Seven new classrooms are slated for construction under the plan, five of which are expected to be completed by the fall of 1950.

**Coincidence**  
REGINA. — E. Lambert, a desk clerk at Hotel Saskatchewan, did a double take when a guest registered as "E. Lambert." The desk clerk was even more amazed when the customer noted his address as "E. Lambert, Regina."

**Road Plant**  
REGINA. — Construction of a road-surfacing plant in Regina at a cost of over \$500,000 was announced by H. C. Flinn, Toronto, president of the Canadian Bitumuls Co. Ltd.

**To Coach Team**  
WINNIPEG. — Alex Shiblych, on-time forward great with New York Rangers, said he has agreed to sign as coach of Flin Flon Bombers of the Northern Saskatchewan Junior Hockey league.

## PEACE RIVER RESIDENT

**RETRACES OLD ROUTE**  
PEACE RIVER, Alta. — Forty-seven years ago Col. J. K. Cornwall travelled the long, hazardous route up the Mackenzie River and overland to the present site of Peace River. Recently he celebrated his 78th birthday, and marked it by retracing his route over the area which he has helped to develop since 1902. But this time he made the trip by plane and modern boats.

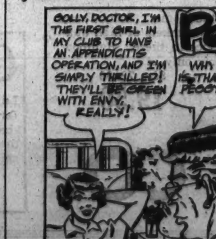
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Cal Short of Chilliwack is operating a small industry raising New Zealand "Whites" (rabbits) at his farm. Here Mr. Short lifts one of his "Whites" by the scruff of the neck because it is too heavy to be picked up by the ears.



## Daughter's Success Inspired First Double Winner At Winter Fair

EDMONTON. — John T. Eliuk of Hairy Hill, Alta., first double winner at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, might never have inspired the show if he had not been inspired by the success of his 17-year-old daughter in Alberta Junior seed shows.

The quarter-section farmer, who won the world oats and barley titles, has been a consistent registered seed grower for more than 20 years. He has shown his varieties in provincial shows with some success, but never entered the big seed show until last year.

He decided he "just wanted to try" with some oats at the Chicago world fair in 1948 after his daughter Tilley won most of the prizes for three years in the junior barley, flax and oats classes at provincial shows.

"He took about 18 pounds of oats to the Hairy Hill Post Office and asked the postmaster to insure the shipment and airmail it to Chicago,"

## Dafoe Farmer Has Champion Shorthorn

TORONTO. — William Harrison of Dafoe, Sask., won the champion shorthorn trophy donated by the Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom for the best Shorthorn of the Royal Winter fair.

Mr. Harrison's entry was Killam

Shorthorn, a black and white bull. He took the trophy for the best shorthorn at the Royal Winter fair, paid \$3,800 for his champion, an Alberta bred bull from the Gallinger herd at Edmonton.

Mr. Harrison, who farms six miles southwest of Dafoe, had the grand champion yearling bull at the Regina spring sale in 1949, with Norse Gift. This same bull also placed first at the Royal Winter fair in Toronto in 1948 and only missed showing for the grand championship there because of developing shipping fever.

He started in purebred shorthorns in 1916 when he bought a heifer calf, Bay Baronesse 2nd for \$25 and has worked his herd up to 55 head of purebred animals.

In 1938 he bought Princess Royal 10th at the G. Green dispersal in Toronto for \$2,500 and before that in 1945 purchased Killam Norseman 16th from Claude Gallinger for \$2,000.

He is readying four bulls for the Regina sale in 1950.

## B.C.-Alaska Line Would Cost Plenty

OTTAWA. — External Affairs Minister Pearson said it would cost \$200,000,000 to link British Columbia with Alaska by railway and estimated that any such line would have a \$50,000,000-a-year deficit for years. He told Howard Green (PC-Vancouver Quadra) the government already has surveyed the possibilities but would be willing to discuss it with American authorities in the wake of the right given President Truman to take it up with Canada.

## COMMANDING VIEW

Outlook, Sask., was named on account of the commanding position which it occupied above the banks of the Saskatchewan river. 2857

## 1949 Wheat Crop Down

OTTAWA. — Canada's 1949 wheat crop was reported at 367,406,000 bushels in the final estimates of the country's grain production by the Bureau of Statistics. Last year's wheat crop totalled 393,345,000 bushels.

The oats crop was estimated at 316,558,000 bushels, down from last year's production of 358,807,000.

Barley production totalled 120,383,000 bushels this year, compared with 155,018,000 in 1948.

A sharp drop was reported in rye output. This year's crop was estimated at 10,011,000 bushels, compared with 25,340,000.

**SYNDICATE BUYS EDMONTON BONDS**  
EDMONTON. — Purchase by an Eastern syndicate of City of Edmonton bonds involving \$3,800,000 for utility and public works purposes was announced here.

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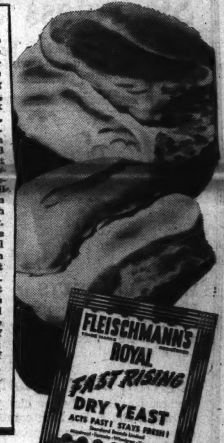
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Father's favorite fine knit wool coats by Monarch and Balentyne. V-neck, button front. Jersey knit for wear and comfort. All sizes and colors. Several qualities. Priced from ... **3.95**

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They look good with odd pants. Fine wool knit back and sleeve. Fancy contrasting front. Multicolored. Sizes 28 to 36. Priced at ... **4.95**

## Men's and Boys' Trousers

### MEN'S ODD TROUSERS

An extra pair of trousers help a lot in the holiday season. Make a change from your suit and save it too. A new lot of Donegal tweeds, worsteds, 8.75 wool coverts and gabardines. Priced from ... **8.75**

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Matching spun scarves in square or long style. Heavy spun material in Scotch plaids. Priced at ... **1.00 1.25**



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A small new lot of these popular authentic Scottish tartan rugs. All soft, fleecy wool in sparkling patterns, MacBeth, Royal Stewart, Clifton, Buchanan. They won't last very long ... **8.98**

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**WOOL BLANKETS**  
Fine, soft, fleecy, pure white wool blankets that keep the wee ones warm. Blue or pink trim. Medium sizes at ... **2.35**  
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The very best children's sleepers. Warm cotton and shade. Two-piece style, wool yarns in natural four-ply feet. Priced at ... **2.69**



## Girls' Insul-Pac Parkas

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## Girls' Wool Jackets

Colorful all wool jackets for the cooler days. Lovely plaid patterns, gathered waist, two side pockets, zipper front, kasha lined. Sizes 8 to 14. Priced at ... **7.95**

## Ottawa Valley Bed Throws

The last of these luxurious wool throws for this season are just in give that bed-room the final touch now.

### O.V. WOOL THROWS

Soft fleecy all wool throws, deep satin-bound, size 60x80. Light, bright, cozy and warm. Come in gold, blue, rose, green. Individually enveloped. Priced at ... **8.95**

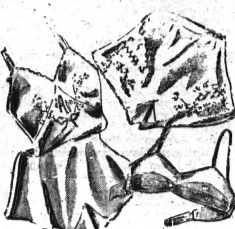
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All wool throws of extra quality and superlative appearance. All have deep satin bound edges and come in reversible colors of rose and gold, mauve and green, claret and tan. Priced at ... **11.50 13.75**

## White Wool Blankets

What a gift for the home. Soft, fleecy pure white, all wool blankets of high quality. Years of service in these. Rainbow borders. A few pairs only at ... **14.95 19.50**

## LUXITE LINGERIE



Fashion Approved underthings. They are new, sparkling, appealing. Don't overlook these in your gift searching, you have seen nothing like them before.

### BRIEFS or TRUNKS

Shell pink lingerie of lovely quality non-run rayon. Fine elastic top, lace trimmed bottoms. At ... **1.25 1.50**

### NYLON BRIEFS

Luxite fine sheer nylon quality pink briefs with deep elastic tops. At ... **1.69**

### LUXITE NYLON SLIPS

Fine sheer tricot knit nylon. Popular new azure shade. Bodice trim of all nylon Belgian net with petal applique of nylon. An exceptional garment of which we have a limited supply. Sizes 32 to 40. Priced at ... **6.95**  
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For the full figure. Sizes 40, 42, 44. Tricot knit fine all nylon slips, in full tailored style. Deep full bust, lovely durable self trim. An exquisite garment that will give you the service you expect. At ... **5.95**

## Gown Special

Luxite rayon gowns. Don't miss these for yourself or for a gift. Jonquil shade, wide strap top with shoulder drape, gathered waistline. In sizes small, medium and large. Priced at ... **2.95**

## KIEFER'S SHOWS

Friday, Dec. 2-8:40 p.m. Family

### Three Godfathers

John Wayne & Harry Carey, Jr.

### Captain From Castile

Tyrone Power and Jean Peters

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## Locals

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Gamble and children of Dawson Creek motored to Irma last week. Mr. Gamble continued by car to visit relatives in Tennessee while Mrs. Gamble and family remained here with Mrs. Gamble's mother and sister, Mrs. Zamb and Mrs. Symington.

Mr. Carl Larson was a recent hospital patient but we are glad to say that he is home once more. Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sonoff whose wedding appears in this issue.

Mr. Jas. Fenton underwent a major operation in the Royal Alexandra hospital on Monday of this week. His many friends here wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Chas. Feero's father passed away at Edson recently.

The regular infant and pre school clinic will be held in the Irma Rest Room on Friday, Dec. 16.

The Irma Ladies Curling Club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Anquist on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. All ladies who are at all interested in curling are asked to attend.

We understand that Mr. C. Steele has purchased the old Lattin building and is proceeding to pull it down.

Mr. N. L. Fuder and Mrs. Martin Knudson received word of the death of their brother, Edward Friday, November 27, at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sinnermon are in Edmonton this week attending the funeral of Mr. Sinnermon's sister-in-law who passed away last week-end.

Mrs. S. Magrath of Calgary arrived in Irma on November 21 to spend the winter with her two daughters Mrs. K. Coffin of Irma and Mrs. G. M. Holt of Wainwright.

Congratulations go to Eric Dalow who won the Governor General's medal for the Wainwright Provost division.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all those who visited me or sent cigarettes while I was in hospital.—Robin Johnson

### CARD OF THANKS

To the friends who sent me cards and letters and books, also gifts of fruit and candy when in the hospital, also thanks to the friends who came to visit me while I was there. I thank you all very much.—Mrs. F. S. White. 2p

## Want Ads

### WANTED

Man for steady travel among consumers in and around Irma. Permanent connection with large manufacturer. Only reliable hustler considered. Write Rawleigh's Dept. W-G-1-67-131, Winnipeg, Man.

### FOR SALE

Good cook stove also good heater and other household effects. Apply to Mrs. E. L. Marshall, Irma Alta. 18-2p

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House 14x26 one and one-half storey. Barn 28x32x10 ft. walls, gambrel roof. Apply F. W. Knudson, Irma. 18-2

### LOST

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